

REMARKS

Status of Claims

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 and 7-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,414,933 to **Anada et al.** (hereinafter **Anada**), and has indicated claims 6 and 12 allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 11 have been amended, and claims 4, 6, 10, and 12 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Rejections of claims 1-5 and 7-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Anada.

Claim 1 has been amended to correspond to claim 6 rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, which the Examiner indicated allowable. Accordingly, claim 1 (and claims 2, 3, and 5 which depend therefrom) are allowable. Similarly, claim 7 has been amended to correspond to claim 12 rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, which the Examiner indicated allowable. Accordingly, claim 7 (and claims 8, 9, and 11 which depend therefrom) are allowable. Claims 4 and 10 have been cancelled.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is believed that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments which may be incurred in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

Respectfully submitted,

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